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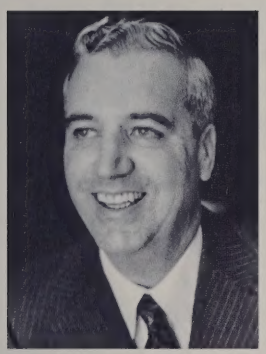
Looking Forward To The Next 100 Years



Arthur G. Slade
President

As our 100th year draws to a close, we wish to thank all of our many members and friends who have helped make this a wonderful year of celebration and appreciation of all the great things that have gone on in the past. It was heartwarming to see the hundreds of people who turned out for our Gala Celebration last March. It was an evening to remember and one that will be valued by many of us for years to come.

It was especially rewarding to see the many extra gifts and donations in honor of our 100th birthday. We are most grateful for this recognition and support.

A special thanks must go to our great staff who worked long and hard to make all the special events so successful.

It is difficult to imagine what the next hundred years will bring, but the League looks forward to the new challenges of the future as well as resolving those that continue from the past. To insure that the people who follow us a century from now will have an idea of some of our modern-day concepts, we are planning to bury a "Time Capsule" at our Pine Ridge Cemetery in Dedham. This will be opened on the League's 200th birthday in the year 2099. With the grace of God, the world will have become a place of peace and lack violence toward all living things.

Please accept our very best wishes for the Holiday Season and the New Year.

Rescue News

Rescue of the Quarter

Lorenzo's Journey

"Lorenzo" has come a long way to find a home. His journey began three months ago in Puerto Rico, when an elderly woman discovered him. She witnessed a group of teens burning the Basenji Bull Terrier's legs with cigarettes. Doing what she could to save the stray, she chased the teens away and took the dog home. Unfortunately, the woman could not keep the dog because of elderly housing pet restrictions. Wanting to ensure his safety and chances for finding a home, she brought the dog to Save A Sato.

Save A Sato (Sato is a slang term in Puerto Rico for a mixed breed "street animal") is a non-profit organization that helps find homes and improve the quality of life for stray and abused animals in Puerto Rico. In the care of Save A Sato, the dog was neutered and evaluated for adoption, then flown to the United States. Not long after his arrival to a Massachusetts shelter, the dog was adopted by a family and given the name "Lorenzo." However, his new family didn't realize how much time and attention he needed, so almost as quickly as he was adopted, "Lorenzo" was returned.

Surrendered to the Animal Rescue League's Dedham shelter, "Lorenzo" quickly won the hearts of the staff. "He was playful, but timid," remembers Sara Cielukowski, Dedham Shelter Agent. "You could see that he was having a hard time trusting people." Given special attention and care, "Lorenzo" began to feel at ease with the staff in Dedham. When Sara first met "Lorenzo," she admits she was immediately drawn to him. "He's a special dog. I just knew it the first time I took him for a walk." Soon after that first walk, Sara adopted "Lorenzo."

"Lorenzo" shares his new home with two ferrets and two finches and experiences the life he was meant to. He enjoys his walks with Sara, playtime with other dogs, and lying carefree in the sun. Lorenzo had to come a long way, but he has found what he was looking for... a safe, happy and loving home.

A Veterinary
UPDATE

by Bosmat Gal, D.V. M.

An Update on Upper Respiratory Infection in Cats

Upper respiratory infection (URI) in cats is commonly seen in veterinary clinics and shelters across the United States and around the world. It also affects a number of other species, including dogs, pigs, rabbits and guinea pigs.

In the past, three microorganisms were considered the primary agents responsible for URI. Today, studies definitely prove Feline Bordetella Bronchiseptica (FeBb) is also a primary causative agent responsible for URI in cats.

Although one of the most common clinical signs in cats infected with FeBb is sneezing, some or all of the following may be present: sneezing, coughing, eye discharge, nasal discharge, fever, no appetite, lethargy, swollen glands and abnormal lung sounds.

Certainly FeBb is not a new bacterium, and the infection is not an emerging disease. There is, however, an emerging awareness of this agent as a significant and prevalent cause responsible for respiratory problems in cats. It is highly contagious, particularly in situations where cats are grouped together, such as multi-cat households, catteries, pet stores and shelters.

Cats may be infected with FeBb without exhibiting clinical signs until stressed. Early signs of disease include loss of appetite and dehydration. Since the clinical signs of FeBb infection are very similar to other agents that cause upper respiratory infection, it is more difficult to make a definitive diagnosis and confirmation of FeBb. If FeBb is suspected, antibiotic treatment may be initiated.

Prevention is always preferable to treatment. The disease is prevented by vaccination. Recently, the U.S. Department of Agriculture approved the use of FeBb vaccine. When added to a feline vaccination program, it will provide the most complete protection available against upper respiratory infection caused by FeBb.

The current vaccine is safe in kittens as young as four weeks old and will not cause any serious disease through its use. In field safety studies, of less than 2% of cats that exhibited clinical post vaccination, all recovered uneventfully. Sneezing was the most common reaction, followed by coughing. The duration of these clinical signs ranged from one to 21 days.

As an addition to vaccines, prevention involves proper husbandry, sanitation, good nutrition, and minimization of overcrowding and stress. If your pet exhibits any of the symptoms listed for URI, please consult your veterinarian.

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News front

A Salute to the Board of Directors

In each issue of Our Fourfooted Friends, the League's Board of Directors is listed on the inside cover. This diverse group of special and caring individuals is the driving force behind the mission of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. As our centennial year comes to an end, we take this time to thank them and applaud their many efforts and achievements on behalf of our animal friends.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's Board of Directors: Back row l. to r.: Rev. Robert W. Golledge, D.D., Chairman of the Board Richard A. Hall, Jami Loh, June E. Shank, Harold H. Seward, Secretary John F. Sugden, Jr. Front row l. to r.: David O'Donahoe, Shepard Brown, John C. Hatch, League President Arthur Slade, Mrs. Kenneth Gregg.

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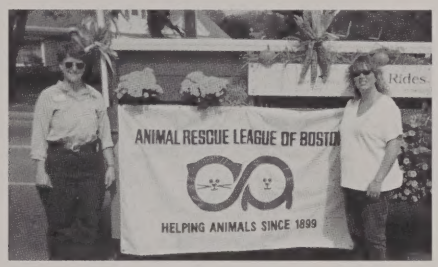
Pet Parade Raises Money for Brewster Branch

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's Brewster branch was recently invited to take part in a celebration of our love for animals. Cape Cod residents brought their pets and joined the fun for the annual Fall for Orleans La Te Da Masquerade Pet Parade. Agway of Orleans and the Orleans Chamber of Commerce sponsored the parade, which was held on October 3.

Many adorable pets were on hand to parade down Main Street to the Village Green. Dawn Lee-Laub and Samantha DeWitt of the League's Brewster branch were honored guests and contest judges at the event. Dawn and Samantha along with the other judges led the parade in a carriage pulled by a couple of draft horses. After the parade came the pet contest judging. There were nine categories including Millennium Pet, Surfer Dude and Best Stupid Dog Trick. Dawn and Samantha were in charge or choosing the best "Pajama Pet." Agway of Orleans generously donated $2.00 from every registration to the League's Brewster branch. Thank you to Agway and all who participated.



Samantha DeWitt (l) and Dawn Lee-Laub of the League's Brewster branch put the finishing touches on the decorative parade wagon by adding the League's banner.

Brewster Hosts Blessing of the Animals

Oct. 16 was a glorious, sunny day not only at Petoberfest, but also on Cape Cod! The League's Brewster shelter hosted a Blessing of the Animals in honor of Adopt-A-Dog month. Reverend Amy Crocker officiated at the ceremony that emphasized the bond we all share with our animal companions.

WCOD radio station had a live remote and featured personality Mina Greene. League volunteers happily greeted guests and helped to make the day special. Brewster Shelter Manager Lynda Brogden reported that there was an increase in adoptions during the event! What a day!

Reverend Amy Crocker shares a special message with a young lady and her feline friend.

Shelter agent Dawn Lee-Laub joins in the special moment as "Barnum" and "Grady" receive individual blessings from Reverend Amy Crocker.

League Law Enforcement Officer Christopher Charbonneau poses with the net gun for passing spectators. On his right is "Rex" the model horse, wearing an Anderson sling.

A Day at the MEMA Fair

On Saturday, Sept. 25, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency held its 9th Annual Public Safety Fair at Massachusetts State Police Headquarters in Framingham. The Animal Rescue League of Boston was on site with an elaborate exhibit of rescue equipment to share with all spectators.

The display consisted of a fully equipped ambulance, information table, and horse trailer set-up. The ice-rescue sled and wet suits were on display, and drew many questions. Spectators were also fascinated with the Coda net gun, a device that sends a net propelling through the air. Once the net lands on top of an animal in distress, or flock of birds, rescuers can safely approach the animals and complete the rescue. The most popular display was "Rex," a full-sized model horse wearing an Anderson Sling, and suspended by a tripod. (The sling is used when a helicopter is needed to transport an injured horse to safety.)

The League's exhibit was put together by League Law Enforcement Officer Christopher Charbonneau, and Operations Coordinator Britt Cronin. Both were on site to answer the public's questions concerning all the rescue equipment. Humane Educators Alan Cunningham and Valerie Kostaras were also present to answer any questions relating to the League, pet care, and equipment use and function.

Make way for the Big Rig! Petoberfest patrons were treated to rides uphill to the adoption center.

Petoberfest '99

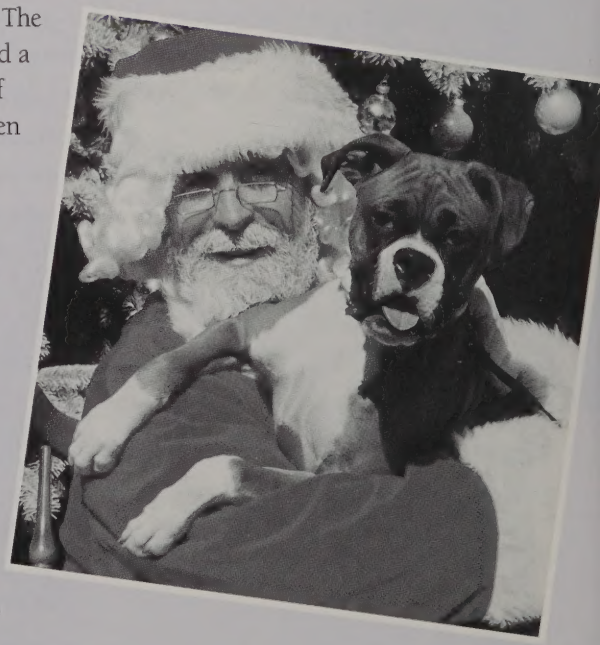
Crowds at Petoberfest '99 were greeted for the fourth year in a row by a warm, sunshine-filled day at the League's Pine Ridge Animal Center in Dedham. Once again, pets on leashes and in carriers brought their owners to this annual fall family event.

Centennial banners graced the entrance of the driveway and invited people and pets of all ages to enjoy the many wares of crafters, children's activities, and train ride up the long and winding driveway to the adoption center. "Bozoris" the clown entertained everyone with his jokes, agility on stilts and giant tricycle, while herpetologist Marla Isaac enthralled guests with her reptiles and birds of prey. DJ Bill Doyle kept the music going but paused for an hour to make way for the Center City 4 barbershop quartet.

Fr. Jim Clark of St. Mary's Church in Dedham gave an inspirational message regarding the human animal bond during the Blessing of the Animals. Many people and their animal friends met with Fr. Jim for an individual blessing. Pets in their final resting places at the cemetery were also remembered by kind words, thoughts and remembrances.

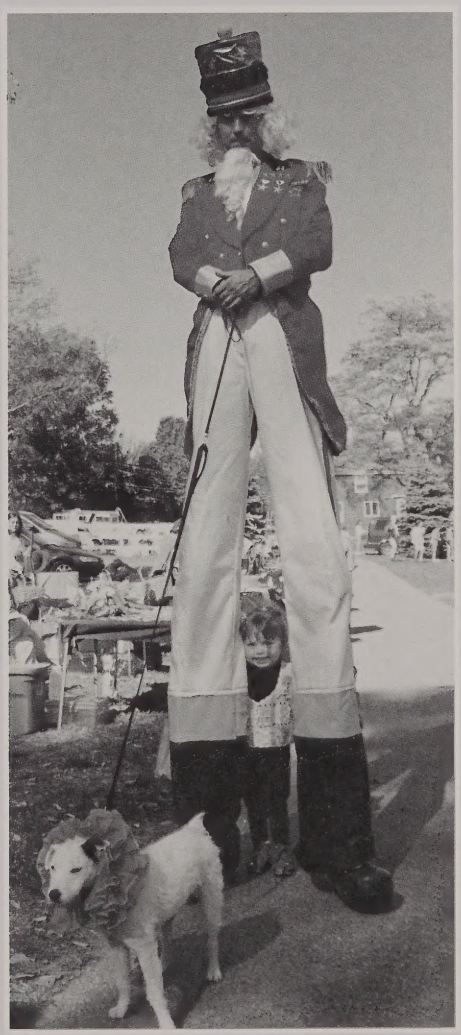
In honor of the League's 100th anniversary, a time capsule was presented for burial. Each department donated an item of special interest. The Boston shelter, for example, donated a microchip. A tiny rice-sized form of identification that is injected between the shoulder blades of an animal, a microchip is similar to a normal injection, but has an 800 phone number and individual ID that can be scanned at most any shelter. Our pets should always wear collars with proper identification, but if the collar gets removed, animals may still be identified and reunited with owners.

Thanks to all who attended, sponsored, planned and worked at Petoberfest '99. Special thanks to our volunteers and the Pine Ridge shelter staff led by Lisa Lagos. Special appreciation goes to Paul Donahue, Al LoConte, Mark Head and Alan Cunningham for their ever-faithful behind-the-scenes work and the beautifully groomed setting. It's time to start planning Petoberfest 2000!

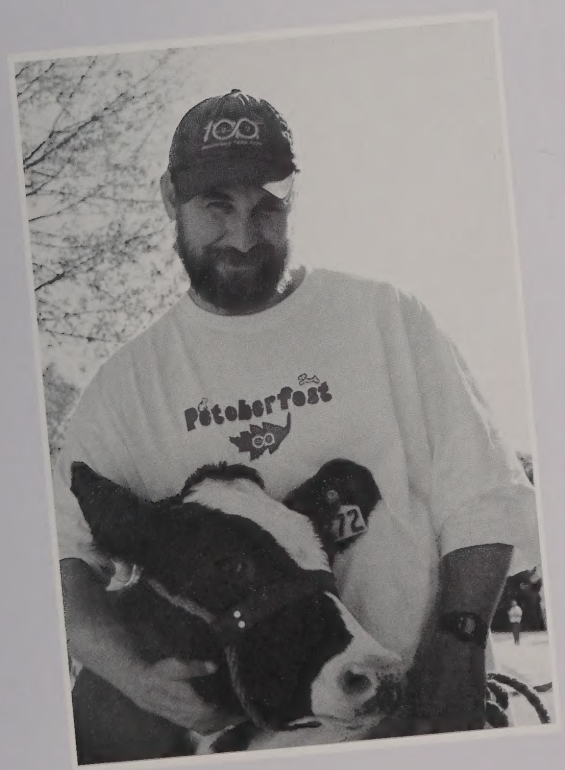


"Tyson," tells Santa, "All I want for Christmas is a treat and kind homes for my friends in the adoption center!" The handsome boxer shares his home with the Giovannuci family of Hyde Park.

The Center City 4 barbershop quartet makes beautiful music. How sweet it is!

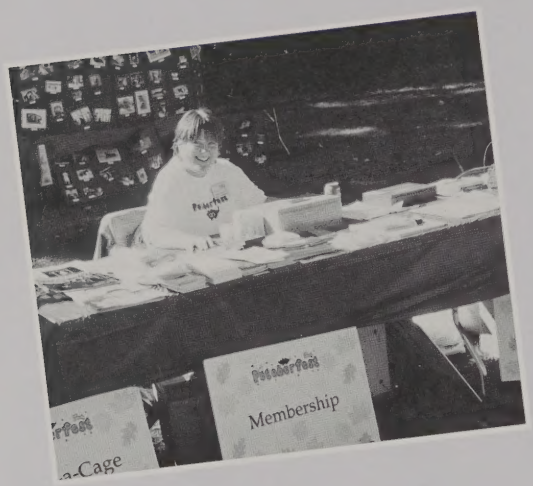


"How's the air up there?" "Bozoris" (on stilts) and friends fill a tall order during Petoberfest festivities.

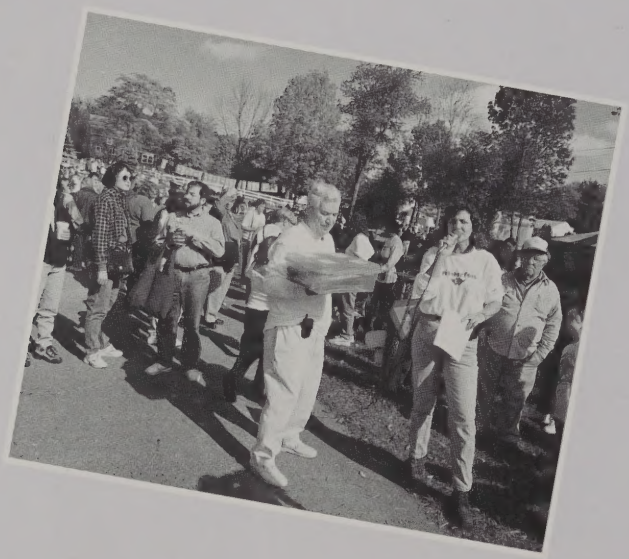


Sr. Training and Humane Educator Alan Cunningham pauses for a bovine friend visiting from the Bristol County Agricultural High School.

Petoberfest '99



"Welcome to Petoberfest!" League Membership Director Laura MacFeeley waits for visitors at the information table.



A Centennial of Caring in that small container? President Arthur Slade and Director of Public Relations and Education Sonia Beals share contents of the League's time capsule with Petoberfest guests.

Fr. Jim Clark of St. Mary's Church in Dedham gives a personal blessing to this willing and attentive Golden Retriever and companion.

thank you!

Petoberfest '99

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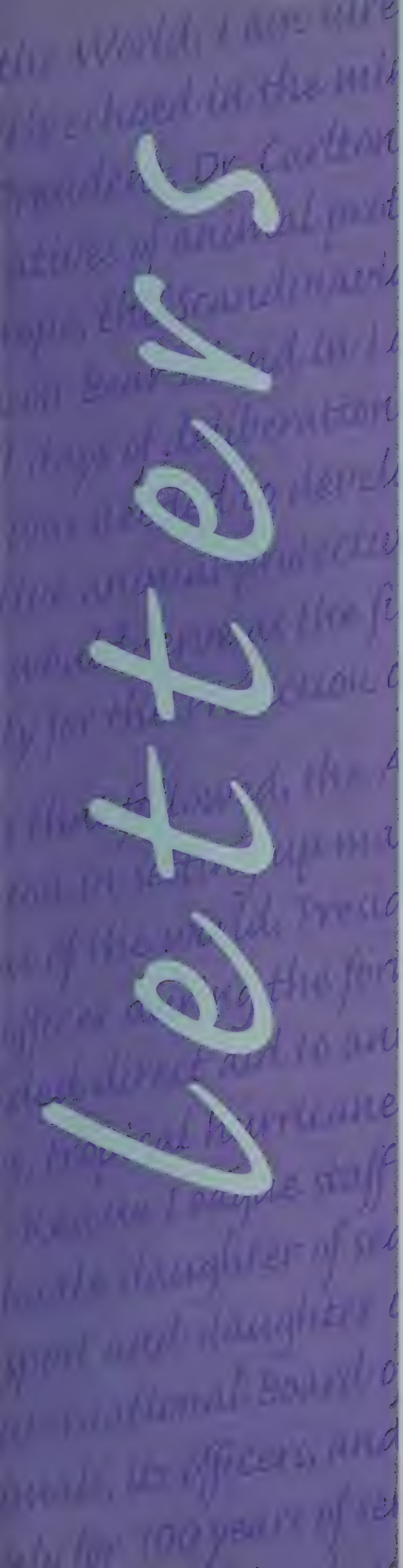

Kindness Uplifts the World. I am sure that these words of Anna Harris Smith echoed in the mind of Animal Rescue League of Boston's then President, Dr. Carlton Buttrick, in 1958 when he joined representatives of animal protection organizations from throughout Europe, the Scandinavian countries, Africa, Asia, and Latin America on Bear Island in Lake Winnipesaukee, New Hampshire. During several days of deliberations it was decided that an international organization was needed to develop programs in countries where there were no effective animal protective organizations. It was agreed that Dr. Buttrick would serve as the first president of what is now the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA).

In the years that followed, the Animal Rescue League provided grants and direction in setting up many programs to aid animals in need in many areas of the world. President Arthur Slade served as WSPA chief financial officer during the formative years.

The Animal Rescue League has provided direct aid to animals affected by floods, fire, drought, oil spills, volcanoes, tropical hurricanes, and the animal victims in war zones. Animal Rescue League staff not only worked to publicize the inherent cruelty in wholesale slaughter of seals in Canadian waters, but also to end cruel methods of transport and slaughter of livestock in Latin America, Africa, and Asia.

The International Board of Directors of the World Society for the Protection of Animals, its officers, and its staff salute the Animal Rescue League of Boston, not only for 100 years of service to animals, but for pursuing the wisdom which has proved that "kindness uplifts the world."

We look forward to a long and cooperative relationship with our friends at the "League."

John Walsh
International Projects Director, WSPA

Congratulations on 100 years of service to the animals! We applaud your wonderful efforts for the animals and people who need your services. We also thank you for the many ways the ARL helped our organization in its early years with a variety of advice, information and assistance. Good luck on your next 100 years.

Rutland County Humane Society
Pittsford, Vermont

Congratulations and best wishes to the Animal Rescue League of Boston on the occasion of its Centennial Anniversary.

It has been my personal pleasure to have had the opportunity to work alongside your organization during the past twenty-nine years in our attempt to prevent cruelty to animals and educate the public in proper care and concerns for all our animal friends.

We all need to be thankful for people like Anna Harris Smith, who not only saw a need to help all animals, but went one step further and did something about that need.

Lionel E. Hetu
President/General Agent
The Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty To Animals

On behalf of The Latham Foundation for the Promotion of Humane Education, I would like to extend our most heartfelt HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY! The ability of a group to keep its purpose so well for 100 years is indeed a major feat, your membership and management is to be congratulated for their ongoing hard work and dedication.

Hugh H. Tebault III
President
The Latham Foundation

It is with great pleasure that we offer congratulations on your 100th anniversary. We celebrated our centennial last year so we know what an achievement that is.

Your service to the community is a great testament to Ms. Smith's motto of "Kindness Uplifts the World." Her legacy is in good hands with you, and the beneficiaries—the animals and people of the Boston area—are lucky to have you there when they need you.

Pamela Burns
President
Hawaiian Humane Society

For 100 years of inspiring others to practice Kindness that Uplifts the World, we congratulate you. The Boston Animal Rescue League has had a huge impact throughout New England, and you should be proud of your commitment and service to animals and people. The Potter League for Animals thanks you and wishes you even more success in the next century.

Christine Smith
Potter League for Animals

Congratulations on your 100th anniversary! Your hard work and dedication to helping animals is an inspiration to the rest of us who work for animal welfare causes.

Faxon Animal Rescue league
Fall River, MA

The Monmouth County SPCA of New Jersey congratulates and extends our best wishes to you on your 100th Anniversary. Knowing you have touched the lives of so many wonderful animals in the past, we are confident that your founder Anna Harris Smith's motto, "Kindness uplifts the world," will be ever present in the next millennium.

Ursula Goetz
Executive Director, The Monmouth County SPCA of New Jersey

The Board of Directors and staff of the Atlanta Humane Society and SPCA, Inc. wishes to join in congratulating the League on reaching an important milestone, your 100th anniversary. As a fellow member of the Century Plus Club, we truly understand what a tremendous accomplishment you have achieved.

The League has not only been in existence for many years, but has set an exemplary example of maintaining high standards in the world of animal welfare. Your contributions have extended far beyond the New England area. The entire nation has benefited from your work.

Twenty-five years ago a young director from a struggling shelter approached the League and others for help. From Dr. Buttrick to Mr. Arthur Slade, help, advice and encouragement was readily tendered. I am one of many people representing many organizations who are thankful for your past 100 years. We can look forward to the next 100.

Bill Garrett
Executive Director, Atlanta Humane Society

On behalf of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the American Humane Education Society, I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Animal Rescue League of Boston on its 100th Anniversary. The League's distinguished history and vital programs make it a leader-both past and present-in Massachusetts animal protection.

The MSPCA/AHES is proud of our long and productive relationship with the Animal Rescue League. We consider the League a special partner as we all work to build a truly humane society. As MSPCA/AHES founder George T. Angell wrote in 1904, "We are asked if we are in favor of establishing other societies where societies already exist. We have no hesitation in saying that the more humane societies the better it will be for those whom they try to protect."

I extend our sincere wishes for continued success as the Animal Rescue League of Boston embarks on its second century of caring, kindness and compassion.

Gus W. Thornton, DVM
President, MSPCS/AHES

"Kindness Uplifts the World"—the motto of Anna Harris Smith, founder of the Animal Rescue League of Boston, not only embraces animals, but all that lives upon this earth.

The SPCA of Texas' original purpose was the "protection of women and children and the prevention of cruelty to animals." Our respective forerunners saw kindness as a remedy. And today, 100 years later, "Kindness Conquers." Congratulations on your 100th Anniversary—well done!

Warren Cox
SPCA of Texas

I was initially hired as the Humane Education Director in November, 1966 for The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County. Our Humane Education Program had not been in existence for very long and I found myself searching for guidance in expanding the program. One of the first organizations I looked to for help was the Animal Rescue League, along with the American Humane Association.

I had the pleasure of meeting Art Slade at one of the first national meetings I attended and have been kept up to date ever since through your newsletters; by attending a number of training sessions and presentations by staff from the League; and by receiving in-depth information on a variety of topics and programs offered by the League.

Your innovative programs are most impressive and have served as a benchmark for many of us in the animal welfare world.

We applaud your progressive organization and wish you well in the years ahead.

Jeanne H. Werner
Executive Director, The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County

Help Us Make Pet Friendly Housing A Reality

Finding a home that will accept your animal companion can sometimes be a stressful endeavor. Unfortunately many landlords in Greater Boston will not accept pets. Animals are often surrendered to Animal Rescue League of Boston shelters when people take in pets without prior landlord approval.

While the League wants to discourage the public from sneaking pets into their rental housing, we also want to encourage landlords to give pets another chance. The League has created a pet friendly housing survey to help us understand the objection landlords have to pets. If you or someone you know is a landlord or a realtor, please fill out (or have them fill out) the survey below. The first round of surveys has already been returned and we have compiled a list of helpful realtors.

We ask prospective tenants to please remember to be responsible pet owners and do not allow your animal to damage property. The few irresponsible pet owners who allowed their pets to be destructive have created a difficult situation that we are now struggling to turn around. With your help, one by one we can change the minds of reluctant landlords.

To follow is a list of realtors who have indicated they occasionally have rental properties in which pets are accepted. Please note they may not have availability at all times and that the requirements may vary.

Jim Castelli	James Castelli & Associates	617-975-2814
Mitchell Hoffman	Hoffman Associates	617-325-6900
Cheryl Overton	CFS Realty	617-296-7730
Chris Willis	Harborside Real Estate	617-846-4559
Jutta Malden	King Realty	781-933-6666
Kathleen Ingemi	KB Real Estate, Inc.	978-744-3600
Charleena Diranian	Gannon Real Estate	781-231-3660
Bonnie Glenn	Century 21	617-265-1000
Joe Daly	The Apartment Network	617-770-4870
Pat Beene	Forest Properties	617-630-9566
Loretta Bessette	Bessette Realty	781-643-5433 x20
Linda Guarino	H.N. Gorin, Inc. (no dogs)	617-880-4306

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

Pet Friendly Housing Survey

1. Who sets rental policies? _____

2. Do you allow your tenants to keep pets? ❍ YES ❍ NO
   If you answered NO, please skip to question 8
   If you answered YES, please provide the following information:

3. How many pets are tenants allowed to own? _____

4. What type of pets do you allow? (Please circle all that apply)
   dog cat rabbit mice fish
   reptiles guinea pig birds other _____
   Do you have a weight limit for pets? _____

5. What restrictions and/or information do you require of tenants with pets?
   _____
   _____

6. Have you ever had destruction of property or disturbances due to pets?
   ❍ YES ❍ NO
   If yes, type of destruction/distubance _____
   How was the matter(s) reconciled? _____

7. May we include you in a master list of landlords and realtors who accept pets? ❍ YES ❍ NO

PLEASE PROCEED TO QUESTION 10

8. Why do you disallow pets? (Please circle all that apply)
   size weight breed health concerns number of pets
   destruction of property improper pet care
   Other _____
   _____
   _____

9. Would you consider allowing pets if health records, references and/or proof of obedience training were submitted?
   ❍ YES ❍ NO

10. Do you own pets? ❍ YES ❍ NO

11. Would you like to receive written information regarding pet care and responsibility?
    ❍ YES ❍ NO (Please circle topics of interest)
    Top Ten Things to Consider Before Adopting a Pet
    Crate Training Declawing Cats Spay/Neuter Rabies
    Dental Care for Pets Pets and the Holidays
    Taking Care of Pets During Winter/Summer Seasons
    Other _____

12. COMMENTS: _____
    _____
    _____
    _____

Thank you for your time. Please mail this survey in the business reply envelope provided. Questions? Please call Sonia Beals at 781.461.8015, ext. 23. If you would like to be included on our Pet Friendly Housing list, please provide the following information:

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____
_____
_____

Phone _____

Email _____

Would you like to be on a Pet Friendly Housing Committee?
❍ YES ❍ NO

Poisonous To Pets

Pet-proofing your home is an essential task for any responsible pet owner. There are many items in the home that can potentially cause your pet harm. During the holiday season we always remind the public about the dangers of feeding their pets chocolate, which is toxic to animals, and about the dangers of holiday plants such as holly, mistletoe and poinsettia. To help you keep your pets safe throughout the year we are reprinting this list of poisonous items put together by the National Animal Control Association.

Dangerous Household Items

Protect your pet from poisoning by knowing what common household items might be dangerous to it. Close containers securely and dispose of them when empty. Allowing your pet to run at large increases the risk of poisoning. Being aware of poisons and controlling your pet's environment may save its life. Check the following list of common household items that can be poisonous to your pet.

Acetaminophen
Antifreeze
Aspirin
Bleach
Boric Acid
Brake Fluid
Carbon Monoxide
Carburetor Cleaner
Chocolate
Cleaning Fluids
Deodorant
Deodorizers
Detergents
Diet Pills
Disinfectants
Drain Cleaners
Dyes
Fungicides
Furniture Polishes
Gasoline
Hair Coloring
Herbicides
Insecticides
Kerosene
Laxatives
Lead
Liquor (including beer and wine)
Lye
Matches
Metal Polishes
Mineral Spirits
Mothballs
Nail Polish
Polish Remover
Paints
Paint Remover
Permanent Solution
Phenol
Photo Developer
Rat Poisons
Rubbing Alcohol
Shoe Polish
Sleeping Pills
Snail/Slug Bait
Soaps
Suntan Lotion
Tar
Turpentine
Window Cleaners
Wood Preservatives

Any abnormal odor on your pet's breath or body could be a sign that your pet was exposed to a potential poison. Cats and dogs react differently to poisons. Keep your veterinarian's telephone number handy.

If you suspect your pet has been poisoned, keep it warm and dry. Administer any antidote prescribed on the label of the household item. Note the symptoms and call your vet immediately. Take your pet to veterinarian as quickly as you can. Take a sample of the poison to the vet, if you can. Testing for poisons can be very expensive.

Poisonous Plants

Plants poisonous to your pet are a special problem since most people don't know which ones are hazardous to their pet's health. Below is a list of the plants that could be poisonous to your pet.

Amaryllis
Andromeda
Appleseeds
Arrowgrass
Avocado
Azalea
Bittersweet
Boxwood
Buttercup
Caladium
Castor Bean
Cherry Pits
Chokecherry
Climbing Lily
Crown of Thorns
Daffodil
Daphne
Delphinium
Dieffenbachia
Dumb Cane
Elephant Ear
English Ivy
Elderberry
Foxglove
Hemlock
Holly
Hyacinth
Hydrangea
Iris
Japanese Yew
Jasmine
JimsonWeed
Laburnum
Larkspur
Laurel
Locoweed
Marigold
Marijuana
Mistletoe
Monkshood
Mushrooms
Narcissus
Nightshade
Oleander
Peach
Philodendron
Poinsettia
Poison Ivy
Privet
Rhododendron
Rhubarb
Stinging Needle
Toadstool
Tobacco
Tulip
Walnut
Wisteria
Yew

Some symptoms of poisoning are swelling, cramps, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, effects on breathing and circulation, weakness, drooling, and sneezing. If you suspect your pet has been poisoned, keep it warm and dry. Note the symptoms and call your vet immediately. Take your pet to veterinarian as quickly as you can. Take a sample of the plant to the vet, if you can.

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If you cannot reach your regular veterinarian or a local emergency clinic try the ASPCA's National Animal Poison Control Center at 800-548-2423. (a fee of $45 will be charged to your credit card.)

Salem Branch — Serving The Community One Happy Ending At A Time

by Laurel Wellman

Happy endings come in all shapes and sizes—a life-or-death rescue, a successful adoption or some helpful advice that allows a person to resolve a problem rather then give up their pet.

Shelter Manager Laura Caruso performs one of her most rewarding duties: presenting "Dewey" to his new "mom" Mary Hills.

Every day seven devoted staffers at the Salem branch of the Animal Rescue League of Boston work tirelessly toward each happy ending.

Last Christmas Eve a dog was hit by a train. Shelter Manager Laura Caruso and Shelter Agent Pete Dunsky responded to the call and found a Brittany Spaniel in the nearby bushes with a severe head trauma and internal injuries. The dog was put on a stretcher and rushed to the North Shore Animal Hospital. Happily, the dog, who was later named "Choo Choo," survived and was eventually adopted by one of the animal hospital employees.

Mary Hills, an elderly woman, came to the shelter with her daughter looking for a feline friend. She was soon introduced to a big orange cat named "Dewey." As part of the Pets for People program, animals over a year old that have already been spayed or neutered are adopted to elderly people free of charge. As Mary waited for the adoption process to be completed, she sat with her new friend licking her hand. This was another good match. For the staff, a good match means a good day.

Kindness Uplifts The World

This is the story of over a century of humane service to animals. It is a story of the sheltering of the homeless, the care of the afflicted, the prevention of cruelty and the education of children and adults in kindness toward animals. It is a story of a dauntless personality: League founder Mrs. Huntington (Anna Harris) Smith, and those who followed her. Finally, it is the story of the growth of a great charitable enterprise.

Many cats and dogs find homes through the hard work of the Salem staff. Good placements are also made with the smaller animals, such as guinea pigs, hamsters, etc. Caruso explains that the staff spends a lot of time with people considering miscellaneous animals. If people are unfamiliar with them, the staff is good at explaining the care these pets will need.

Sometimes the best home for an animal is the home it is already in, with a couple of adjustments. The staff's knowledgeable, calm manner both on the phone and in person can inspire a person to give a difficult problem one more try. Their helpful advice can ultimately prevent the surrender of an animal and create a better environment for that animal at home. Litterbox problems are one issue that can lead to a pet being given up. There are often simple and easy solutions to this problem. The shelter staff will speak at length with a concerned pet owner, explaining the possible causes, medical or behavioral, and offering suggestions. In these and countless other situations, a little advice goes a long way in solving the animal's problems and keeping the pet united with its family.

The word of mouth brought on by a positive experience at the Salem shelter is important to the staff. Recently, "Savannah" and "Sheldon Alex," two older cats who had spent more than three months at the Salem branch, were finally adopted. Each staff member's eyes lit up as they relayed the happy story of the cats' eventual adoption. The woman who adopted the two older cats had decided to stop by after her friend had adopted a 9-month-old cat from the shelter.

Smile for the camera. Shelter Agent Beth Field poses with a picture perfect pup.

Timeline

1976
Sherman Bates received the Anna Harris Smith Award after fifty years of service to the League.

1977
Arthur G. Slade elected League's sixth president. Retiring President Dr. Carlton E. Puttrick receives Anna Harris Smith Award.

1980
Outpatient clinic for small animals remodeled and renovated.

1981
Red Barn Farm Hearing Dog Center founded with League affiliation, training former shelter pets to aid the hearing impaired.

1983
Arthur G. Slade elected President of the American Humane Association.

Massachusetts repeals Pound Seizure Bill, [illegible] League Law enforcement officers as Inspectors of research laboratories using animals.

When you walk into the shelter, the walls are covered with colorful art created by a 3rd grade class at the Lynhurst School. The students collected blankets and towels for the animals, which they donated to the League along with some beautiful pictures they created with messages such as "Tags are Important" and "Always Spay or Neuter your Animals." The Animal Rescue League of Boston's Salem branch is proud to serve and be a part of the local community. They work well with other agencies in the area, in particular the local animal control officers. "(We) often help each other out," says Caruso.

The Animal Rescue League's presence on the North Shore began in 1915 when a branch was established in Lynn. Unfortunately, that project was suspended in 1918. The Lynn branch reopened in 1922 when the League purchased property on Neptune Street. The Lynn branch was not a fully operational shelter. The animals that were rescued were temporarily housed but then transferred to the Boston facility for adoption. This facility was named the Sheldon branch in 1923 in honor of Mrs. Frank M. Sheldon. Mrs. Sheldon was a director and devoted life member.

Shelter Agent Kelly MacQueen just can't wait to get on the road again.

In 1958 came the move to our current location at 358 Highland Avenue in Salem. Operations were moved to Salem as the soon as a house was built on the property. The shelter itself was still under construction. Once built, the new shelter had 16 indoor/outdoor dog kennels, smaller cat cages with sliding glass doors in the front lobby, and an ambulance garage attached. The Animal Rescue League of Boston dedicated the Salem branch on November 13, 1963. The new branch retained the name Sheldon branch after the benefactor of the original North Shore facility, and was also named the Elisabeth B. Sawyer Animal Shelter.

Renovations were made in February 1997. Four dog runs were removed and turned into a cat adoption area. The shelter can now house twice as many cats. The cat windows in the front adoption area were removed and replaced by a wall. This created a larger and more relaxed atmosphere for adoption interviews, etc. The shelter has room for 12 dogs, 30 -50 cats, 3 rabbits, and various miscellaneous small animals. There is also an outside area with a chicken coop, pigeon pen, rabbit hutch and pen for seagulls.

1984

Boston adoption shelter renovated and named in honor of the late Robert W. Marks, whose bequest to the League was the largest in its history.

League is one of six organizations in the nation chosen to participate in Purina's Pets for People program for seniors.

Earl Wentzel receives the Anna Harris Smith Award after 38 years of service to the League.

1985

Safford Memorial Animal Shelter opened at Pine Ridge Center in Dedham.

1988

The League concludes the largest anti-cruelty case in its history involving over one hundred animals.

1989

League celebrates 90th Anniversary.

First Pet Appreciation Day held on Boston Common.

1992

First Employee Appreciation Day held at Animal Friends Summer Camp in Cataumet.

1993

New State law requires that all cats be vaccinated for rabies.

In response to rabies entering the state, the League begins monthly low-cost rabies clinics where thousands of cats and dogs are vaccinated.

The Salem branch has two ambulances now. They do routine calls once a week but are out on the road every day with emergency calls. One common call is the sick seagull. Seagulls are often found injured or simply tired from braving the elements. They are brought back to the shelter and cared for. After 24 hours if they are not injured, they are put in the outside pen where they are allowed to fly away when they are ready. Another common call is the stranded seal. The public often calls concerned about a seal who is way up on shore. Many of these calls turn out to be crowd control. The seal may simply be sunning itself and is not really in any danger, but needs to be protected from well-intentioned people trying to help. On the occasions when the seal is indeed injured, the New England Aquarium is called and the two organizations work together to help the seal.

When asked to remember any interesting rescues or stories, Beth Field, shelter agent, replied, "Nothing stands out." What seems typical to the humble staff of the Salem shelter is anything but, to the many animals they have rescued or cared for. With a little prodding, you begin to hear stories of a cat up a tree, an injured pigeon, cats found with burned feet, an abandoned monitor lizard, etc. "You never know what is going to happen. It makes it fun but it also makes it difficult," says Caruso.

The stresses of this difficult job are often offset by the simple successes that make the job worthwhile. Beverly Hardcastle, assistant manager, remembers a recent adoption that touched her. A seven-year-old Border Collie mix was brought in to the shelter. Her advanced age and the fact that she was overweight made her a tough adoption case. Yet, for the right person she was the right pet. Fortunately, a woman did fall in love with this "coach potato" dog and gave her a wonderful new home. Beverly reflects, "It is the older animals, the special needs animals that really make you feel good when you see them get a good home."

Shelter Manager Laura Caruso has a few treats ready for her feathery friend.

The staff at the Salem branch is very resourceful, not to mention tenacious, in their pursuit of homes for the animals in their care. The latest project developed by the employees is the "Cat Lounge." The "Cat Lounge" (formerly known as the staff break room) is a place to showcase the older cats that are usually the hardest animals to place. Cats over a year old are brought into the "Lounge" during the day. Rather than being seen in cages, these animals are visited by the public in a more natural setting, allowing people to better gauge their personalities. The cats are more relaxed and able to socialize with each other as well as the public. Who wouldn't want to bring home a cat that rubs up against your leg when you walk into the room? In the first week of this pilot program one older cat was adopted each day. Everyone on the staff feels good about their successful venture. One more happy ending!

1995

League President, Arthur G. Slade receives the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Humane Association for more than four decades of devoted efforts toward improving the welfare of animals on local, national and international levels.

1996

Referendum passes to ban the use of cruel leghold traps.

League becomes a member of the American Humane Association's National Disaster Relief Team.

First Petoberfest fair held at Pine Ridge Animal Center in Dedham

1998

League notes the passing of former Vice President Earl Wentzel

The microchip is introduced at the League shelters as a valuable means of identifying pets.

First annual That Doggone Walk at Castle Island in South Boston

1999

League celebrates 100th Anniversary. President Arthur G. Slade receives the Anna Harris Smith Award for 35 years of service to the League.

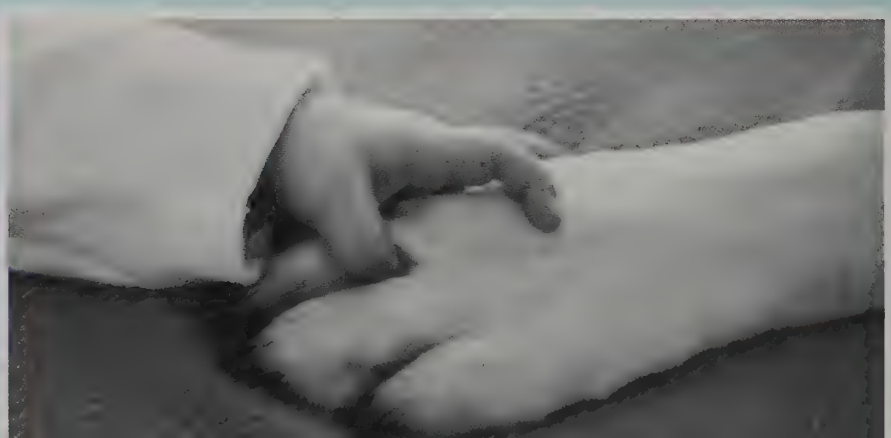
Animal Friends Summer Camp celebrates 50th season

1999 Animal Photogr

1st Place: Sima Walker
Maybe "Mr. Money Jones" should become a professional model. He is picture perfect in this romantic candle lighting.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston would like to thank everyone who participated in the 1999 Animal Photography Contest. This year the contest was held in the fall and the wonderful array of photos was displayed at Petoberfest. The excellent photography as well as the adorable pets seen in the photos impressed the hundreds of visitors who stopped to view the contest entries.

Thank you to Bob Howard, our professional photographer who judged the contest. It was a tough job—there were so many fabulous photos. We were especially heartened to see the many happy, pampered pets and the touching examples of the human and animal bond.



2nd Place:
Julia Dunning

phy Contest Winners

3rd Place:
Robert Bernstein

Honorable Mention:

Jennifer L. Fahy

Wendy Holtsnider

Lesley Mattuchio

Animal Fri

Animal Friends Saved Me Then...and Again

As told to Alan Cunningham by: Jenny

My name is Jenny. You wouldn't believe the incredible summer I had and all the nice, human(e) people I had the chance to meet at the Animal Friends Summer Camp! It was one of my most memorable summers next to my lifesaving rescue during the summer of 1990. Here is my story of how I became a member of this wonderful organization called the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

It was in 1990. I was a ten-month-old stray on the streets of Roxbury. Scared and confused, people were chasing me, cornering me, and trying to catch me. In June, a man finally caught me by snaring my hind legs; hitting my head and then stuffing me in a rubbish can which he sealed tightly with ropes. He then drove me out of the city late at night and prepared to drop me off a 30-foot embankment. Thankfully, an officer to whom I owe my life stopped the man from pursuing his vicious deed. Upon opening the rubbish can, the officer found me curled up in a traumatized ball and too scared to move. In addition, I was an expectant mother. (My four puppies were later adopted to loving homes.) The officer brought me to the caring people at the Animal Rescue League of Boston. That's when I began my long and stressful rehabilitation.

I believe I never would have made it through my ordeal if not for a special family who adopted me as well as their fourfooted friend, "Kory," who lovingly helped me cope with my terrible experience. In fact, "Kory's" dad is the man who patiently worked with me during my lengthy recovery. I have been a valued member of their family ever since and life has been great. Unfortunately, during the summer of 1997, "Kory," my dear friend and "lifeline" to coping, was diagnosed with lung cancer and we had to let our beloved companion say goodbye with dignity. I was profoundly affected by his loss. This brings us to this last summer and why it was so special.

I was very lost without my friend's company, and was even more petrified to deal with all the stresses of daily life. I had always been a little unsure of many things but wasn't threatened as long as "Kory" was not reactive and remained calm. I was able to develop coping techniques such as avoidance and bolting—neither one really acceptable or safe (but totally understandable) according to my adoptive dad. He would take me to visit the League's Pine Ridge Animal Center in Dedham, a place that had always been my second home. I was very comfortable there.

This past summer my life drastically improved. I was given permission to attend the Animal Friends Summer Camp with dad. If you or someone you know has ever been there, you know it is heaven! While I was there I not only observed animals, but also all sizes, ages, and shapes of folks. It was amazing to see the ocean and just hang out and relax. I thought dogs were social creatures and exhibited a lot of interesting behaviors, but you should watch people! I saw greeting behavior ("high-paws"), play interactions, vocalizations (sometimes in unison, I think they call it singing), food searching and feeding behavior (talk about your food bowl aggression). My favorite behavior of all was their ability to communicate at all levels, coexist and show empathy and compassion to each other.

These humane qualities made my summer so very special and important. They were very kind, accepting, and considerate of my needs and bestowed endless attention upon me on my terms. Whenever I wanted to be alone I wasn't bothered. I was RELAXED and at ease. I played, ran, swam, and just basked in the experience offered to me by this incredibly special and unique place!

The summer is over, but my memories are forever reflected in my behavior. I am once again somewhat grounded and able to cope with life, although I still have my moments. Perhaps my dad will bring home another canine friend for me so I can share all the joys this life has offered me as well as pass on the good life shown to me by my family and "Kory" over the years. One thing will remain constant in my heart—my indebtedness to these "friends of animals" at the Animal Friends Camp and always the Animal Rescue League of Boston yesterday, today and forever.

Note: I would like to dedicate my story to all who befriended me during the past several years. I have been shown much kindness. My story is also a tribute to "Kory" who was my friend and adopted brother for so many years. I miss him every day and will do so until we play together again.

ends

Dear Gretel,

During the winter, is it all right if I leave stale bread outside for the birds in my backyard to eat?

Actually, plain bread is a poor food source for wild birds. Though bread may take a bird's belly, it does not contain enough calories to sustain it over a cold winter's night when the temperature drops. The bird may freeze to death if its caloric intake does not match or exceed the calories it burns while trying to stay warm.

To help your wild bird friends, consider spreading peanut butter, which is loaded with calories, over the skins. Hostile seeds, sunflower seeds, and corn contained in a feeder also provide birds with the calories they need over the winter. Suet cakes loaded with seeds are also a favorite bird treat. You just have to make sure the squirrels in your yard do not become greedy, and devour everything! Fresh water is also hard to come by over the winter, birds will benefit if they have unfrozen water available.

As always, be aware of the fact that other creatures will venture towards your property if food becomes available. Raccoons, foxes and even coyotes may flock towards your feeding stations. In Western Massachusetts, many residents have been stunned at the sight of watching black bears raid their feeders. To avoid attracting too much attention, consider hanging feeders from trees instead of mounting them on poles. If visitors still persist, simply remove the food source for a while, and set it out only a few days a week.

friends of the quarter

Day Brightener
Naomi Rattner

If you have ever visited the Leagues historic shelter, chances are you have been privileged to see the artwork of 11-year-old Naomi Rattner. For several years, Naomi's drawings and poems have graced the corridors of the clinic and cages in adoption. Staff, visitors and our animal friends appreciate Naomi's time and thoughtfulness. Here's a quote from a recent card:

I'm a cat. A lovable cat. A cute cat.
A sweet cat, a nice cat.
A fun cat and a friendly cat.
But I know one thing that I am not:
an adopted cat!

Thank you, Naomi, for caring about our animal friends and the people who care for them.

If you or someone you know has been performing good deeds on behalf of our animal friends, send us a photo and letter with all the details! If we publish your story, we'll send you a League t-shirt! Send entries to:

Friend of the Quarter
Animal Rescue League of Boston
P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117

Participants must be twelve years of age or younger.

Pets in the

1. "Coconut," a playful 3-year-old cat, enjoys a good game of hide n' seek. Not at all camera shy, "Coconut" knows she is simply adorable and willingly stops to pose for a picture. When owner Laura Robbins, of the League's education department, is not at home, "Coconut" enjoys playtime with siblings "Peanut" and "Donut."

2. "Splinter" is over twenty years old and she has lived with Debby Vogel of the League's Dedham Branch for over seven years. She is a wonderful pet because she truly loves her family. Dinner is never boring because she isn't happy until she has sampled the meal to make sure it tastes good. Pineapple pizza is her favorite. Her favorite toys are ones made of wood because true to her name she loves to destroy them. Debby's house wouldn't be the same without this lovable bird.

3. " 'Luna' is awesome and we all love her," writes Kelly Grant of Randolph. "She is growing very quickly. One of my daughter's favorite stories used to be 'Clifford, the small red puppy,' about a dog who grew to be as big as a house! Well, 'Luna' may get there yet."

Picture

4. "Miss Tish" was adopted from the Dedham shelter by Ilana Noepel of Norwood in 1997. She was six weeks old, and a real sweetie. "Miss Tish" is especially partial to her mom (Noepel) and likes to knead her hair at night.

5. "Tiger," the beloved cat of Valerie Kostaras, of the League's education department, recently celebrated his 11th anniversary with the Kostaras family. He was adopted from the Pine Ridge Animal Center when he was only eight weeks old.

6. "Ebony" was adopted two years ago from the Salem shelter by Karen Bernard of Amesbury. Karen writes, "We love each other. She is really happy but is camera shy still."

Gone But Not Forgotten

"Mona"

My Mona,

Forever in my heart, my life and in my world.

Soon we shall be together forever as before.

Never to part again.

- Jeanne Emitz

Editor's Note: "Mona" was abandoned in a dumpster in 1995. When League rescuers found her, she weighed only half a pound, was very dehydrated and suffering from an improperly docked tail.

Mona's story drew widespread media attention and hundreds of calls from concerned viewers and readers. Judging from the heart-warming photo and remembrance, Ms. Emitz and Mona enjoyed a very special bond.

Pet Loss Group

The loss of a beloved pet can be a difficult experience. The League is now offering support services to the public. If you are interested in participating in a group or have questions about pet loss, please call Marcia Lowry Maloney, LMHC at **617-426-9170 ext. 430.**

Sit Up & Beg

The staff at the League has developed the following "wish list" of items that would add to the safety, care or comfort of our animal friends. If you would like to donate any of these items, or contribute a portion of the funds needed to purchase a piece of equipment, please call (781) 461-8015 x-23 or x-26.

Thank you to the many thoughtful animal lovers who take time to stop at our shelter locations to drop off blankets, towels and toys. Your kindness provides comfort, warmth and happiness to our furry friends.

Towels and Blankets -
Used to line cages for comfort and warmth, as well as in ambulances and after bathing

Cat and Dog Toys (still in packaging) -
Special Request: Dog toys such as Kong toys, Buster Cubes; approx. $10 - $15 a piece.
Used to help reduce the stress level of the animals while in the shelter

Kuranda Dog Beds -
Bedding to make dogs more comfortable in cages, allows them to sit off the kennel floor; $50 a piece

Neoprene Waders - 4 pairs
Would be used by Boston and Salem shelters for waterfowl rescues; $125 each

Digital Cameras - 3 (one for each branch shelter)
Would be used by each shelter to put photos of adoptable pets on to the League's Web site; $500 each

35mm Camera with Zoom Lens -
Used to take photos of animals for Pet of the Week and Adoption Spotlights at events; $120

Polaroid Camera with Close-up Lens -
Used in Dedham shelter to take photos of animals for adoption spotlights in local area; $50

Q Net Humane Capture System
Used to safely and humanely capture and rescue various animals such as feral pigeons, Canadian geese, ducks, turkeys and small mammals; $3,176

Thank You

We would like to gratefully thank the following friends for their generous contributions:

Thank you to Expressly Portraits and The Picture People for donating $425 to our Dedham facility. The money was collected on our behalf through a pet portrait contest where customers spent $1 per vote to choose the best portrait.

Thank you to Mark Omeara for the beautiful holiday decorations that will add a festive atmosphere to our shelters.

Thank you to Kyla Town and Jennifer Bailey for making wonderfully comfy cat beds for all the cats in our Dedham shelter.

Volunteer Spotlight

If you have ever been to the Dedham branch of the Animal Rescue League of Boston on a Tuesday morning, you may have run into a volunteer donning a baseball cap and a collection of Special Olympic medals. Everett Lucas, Jr., has been faithfully volunteering each week for the League since August 1997. His forte is the cat room, where he spends much of his time attending to the many needs of his feline friends. The League would like to thank Everett for all of his hard work and dedication to the animals. His efforts are appreciated by everyone, especially his furry companions in Dedham!

Special Centennial Celebration Prices

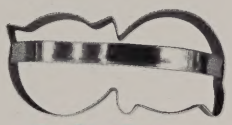
Show your support

and help spread awareness of the Animal Rescue League of Boston by wearing and using these new League items!

All of these promotional items may be purchased at League locations in Boston, Brewster, Dedham and Salem, or may be ordered by mail.

Tote Bag
$9.00 ea.

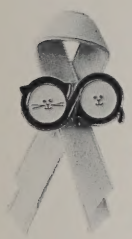
Centennial Coffee Mug
$2.00 ea.



Cookie Cutter
$4.00 ea.

Centennial Key Chain
$5.00 ea.

Water Bottle
$1.00 ea.



Blue Ribbon Pin
$3.00 ea.

Baseball Hats

"ARL Logo" Hat
$9.00 ea.

"Centennial Hat"
$10.00 ea.

Please send me:

Quantity	Item	Size	Cost
Total *(Please add $3.00 for shipping and handling for orders $10 and over or if ordering two or more ceramic mugs.)*			

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of $ _____ made payable to the Animal Rescue League of Boston. (Please remember shipping and handling charge if applicable.) Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

Mail to: **Animal Rescue League of Boston**
P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117

Mark Your Calendar!

Please join us for this upcoming League event. If you have questions please call the Community Outreach Office at 781-461-8015.

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13 That Doggone Walk
Saturday
Castle Island
South Boston
To request an entry form please call 781-641-8015

7-13 Be Kind to Animals Week

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